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SUBJECT: STUDENT AGITATORS STILL DETAINED

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1. THE EIGHT STUDENT LEADERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO CONSTITUTE THEMSELVES AS A "PROVISIONAL PARLIAMENT (DPRS)" WERE STILL HELD IN OFFICIAL CUSTODY SEPT. 23, TWO DAYS AFTER THEY WERE PICKED UP BY SECURITY OFFICERS. THE EIGHTH STUDENT LEADER, SURYO ADIWIBOWO OF BOGOR INSITUTE OF AGRICULTURE, HAD NOT BEEN PICKED UP INITIALLY BUT TURNED HIMSELF IN EARLY SEPT. 22 TO SHARE THE LOT OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

2. STUDENTS REPRESENTING 21 UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCILS FROM JAKARTA, BOGOR, BANDUNG, AND JOGJAKARTA ASSEMBLED

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IN JAKARTA SEPT. 22 FOR A PRE-ARRANGED MEETING WITH THE 8 DPRS MEMBERS. WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT THE EIGHT WERE STILL DETAINED THEY SENT A DELEGATION TO CALL ON SECURITY OFFICIALS, SEEKING THEIR RELEASE. KOPKAMTIB OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY TOLD THEM THAT IF THE DPRS GROUP WOULD AGREE TO DISBAND THEY WOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY, BUT IF THEY REFUSED THEY WOULD BE HELD UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 1.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE GOI INTENDS TO KEEP THE STUDENT GROUP ISOLATED THROUGH OCTOBER 1 TO PREVENT THEM FROM ORGANIZING A PUBLIC CEREMONY OF DISINTERRING THE BODIES OF 1966 STUDENT MARTYRS (REQUIRED BY THE CLOSING OF THE CEMETERY) ON SEPT. 30 AND OCT. 1, WHICH WOULD CONFLICT WITH CUSTOMARY CEREMONIES MARKING THE 1965 MURDER OF THE ARMY GENERALS AND WITH THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HOPE TO DEFUSE THIS ISSUE BY SUGGESTING THAT IF THE STUDENT LEADERS ARE ONE WITH THE PEOPLE AS THEY CLAIM, THEY SHOULD NOT DEMAND SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THEIR MARTYRS, BUT SHOULD APRTICIPATE IN A MASS CEREMONY IN EARLY OCTOBER TO HONOR ALL REMAINS REMOVED FROM THAT CEMETERY TO A NEW SITE. GOI LEADERS ARE SAID TO BELIEVE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE STUDENT COMMUNITY IS NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH THE DPRS 8 OR THEIR TACTICS.

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